

## Photographer

The photographer visited the school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August and I was delighted that all pupils looked so smart in their uniforms. I look forward to displaying the new class photos in the main hall.

## Flu Vaccinations – Advance Notice

As you may be aware, all children aged 5-11 in Scotland will be offered a flu vaccination this winter. Busby pupils will be vaccinated on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Further information to follow.

## Reminders

Please remember to contact the school **before** 9.15am if your child is going to be absent. If your child arrives after 9.10am, they should go to the school office before going to their classroom. Parents should not accompany their child to the classroom for security reasons.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment through the office. Teachers should not be interrupted during school hours.

## Attendance

Parents are reminded that any holidays or trips taken during the school term will be marked as an unauthorised absence. We know that pupils' development can be adversely affected by a poor attendance record so we urge you not to take your children out of school during term time.

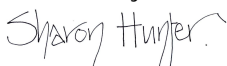
## Dates for your Diary

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Leadership Assembly, 1.45pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Meet the Staff Evening, 6.30pm
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Edinburgh Book Festival Trip
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Parent Council Meeting, WWHS 6.45pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Lochgoilhead Information Evening for P7 parents
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School & Nursery Closed, September Weekend holiday
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	School & Nursery Closed, September Weekend holiday

**E-Mail** - We are encouraging newsletters etc be sent via e-mail. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in this, if you have not already done so. [schoolmail@busby.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:schoolmail@busby.e-renfrew.sch.uk) or telephone 0141 570 7040.

If you have any concerns, queries or compliments please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school.

Yours truly,



**Sharon Hunter.** Head Teacher

# Busby Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter August 2015



Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust that you all had a wonderful summer break – it is just typical that the sun makes its reappearance just as school restarts!

I'm sure you will all have noticed the work we've had done in the Nursery playground over the summer and will agree that it looks amazing. The playground has been designed specifically for children of Nursery age and is a resource that we hope to be able to make use of for many years. I would ask that parents do not permit children to use the playground either while the Nursery is in session or outside school hours.

## Nursery News

### Nursery Hours/Security

Nursery Sessions are from **8.50/9am to 12.noon** and from **12.50/1pm-4.00pm**.

Staff will supervise the door from 8.50am until 9.00am and again from 12.50pm until 1.00pm. After 9am and 12.40pm the Nursery door will be closed. Any parents arriving after these times will have to register in the main school office and then take their child through the school to Nursery where your child should be signed in as usual. The door will open at 11.50am during the morning session and at 3.50pm during the afternoon session to allow children to be signed out, shoes changed etc by the end of the session. If for any reason you have to collect your child early from Nursery or you are arriving after the Nursery doors have closed, please do so through the main school building and sign your child in or out at the office.

### Mrs Curran and Meet the Staff

Mrs Sandra Curran is thoroughly enjoying her new remit as Principal Teacher of Early Years. You can meet Mrs Curran and your child's key worker at our Meet the Staff evening on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30-7.30pm.

### Toy Fund

In line with the other Williamwood cluster Primary Schools, our Toy Fund has been increased to £3 per week. The Nursery Toy Fund donations are collected every Monday morning by a member of staff. If you would prefer to pay for the term in one installment, the cost is £21. The money raised by makes a huge difference to life in the Nursery and we would like to thank all parents who continue to support the Nursery Class in this way.

### **Nursery Uniform**

Order forms for Nursery uniform are available from the school office. Please provide a pair of soft sole shoes/sandshoes for changing into on arrival at Nursery. All clothes and shoes should be marked with your child's name. As outdoor learning is promoted within Busby Nursery, we would ask that your child has a pair of wellies to allow them to participate fully in all outdoor activities.

### **Parental Involvement**

If you would like to be involved in the life of the Nursery in any way, please speak to your child's key worker or Mrs Curran at drop off or pick up time. There are many ways you can be involved, either through the Busby Nursery Class Parent Support Group, supporting learning by arranging to come in and help with story time or art or outdoor play.

### **School News**

#### **Parent Council**

The A.G.M and first meeting of the parent council for session 2015/16 will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.45pm in Williamwood High School. The Parent Council welcomes any parents who would like to come along and hear about its work in partnership with the school, including fundraising activities and events that support all year groups.

#### **Meet The Staff Evening**

All parents are invited to our "Meet the Staff" evening on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, at 6.15pm when I will give a short presentation on our school targets for this year. Following this there will be a choice of two sessions, 7.00-7.30pm and 7.30-8.00pm in your child's classroom. This will be an opportunity to informally meet with your child's class teacher to find out about class routines and the exciting learning experiences that are planned. Teachers will not discuss your child's individual progress at this session. This event is aimed at parents only so we would ask that children remain at home on this occasion.

Teacher	Class
Miss Cairnie	P1a
Mrs McNee	P1b
Miss Lindsay/Miss Anderson	P2
Mrs Farrant/Mrs Guy	P2/3
Miss Lawson	P3
Mrs Nilsen-Nygaard/Mrs Dallas	P4
Mrs McLean	P4/5
Miss Doris	P5
Miss Harris	P6
Miss Davidson/Mrs Morton	P6/7
Miss Darling/Miss Taylor	P7
Mrs Robinson	Health/RME
Mrs Kerr	P.E.

### **Edinburgh International Book Festival**

All pupils in Primaries 1 to 7 are travelling to Edinburgh on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September to take part in the RBS Schools Gala Day which is part of the Edinburgh International Book Festival. Each class will have the opportunity to participate in an author/illustrator led event and enjoy the atmosphere in Charlotte Park Gardens. The trip has a cost of £5 per pupil, payable at the school office. The majority of the costs for the trip are subsidised by school funds. The Book Festival visit has been a fixture in the school calendar for a number of years now and is always a very enjoyable day out for the pupils. If you would like to accompany us as a parent helper, please complete the tear off slip that went home with the information letter and return to the school office as soon as possible.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Last year a number of parents were involved in leading highly successful extra-curricular activities after school or at lunchtimes in various disciplines including guitar, tennis, fitness, baking, art, football and running. If you would like to be involved in our extra-curricular programme please contact the school office with your details.

### **Uniform & Equipment**

Thank you to all parents for continuing to support our uniform policy. The children look very smart in their shirts and ties. As you know, we participate in outdoor learning and we would ask that all pupils are sent to school with weather appropriate clothing.

Badges and clip on ties are available to purchase at the school office. Badges are £5.50 and clip on ties cost £3.50.

### **PE**

The PE uniform is a plain white T shirt or polo shirt, black shorts and gym shoes. At Busby we have 3 P.E. sessions a week. This year, all classes will have at least one P.E. lesson per week outdoors. Please ensure that your child keeps black joggers, white t-shirt / polo shirt, outdoor trainers and a lightweight cagoule in school.

### **Classroom Equipment**

We would appreciate it if your child comes to school equipped with pencils, a rubber and sharpener. You should also supply your child with a water bottle to ensure they remain hydrated throughout the day.

### **Pupil Leadership**

There will be a Pupil Leadership Assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 1.45pm at Busby Parish Church. I will present certificates and badges to the children who have been chosen for leadership responsibilities so far this session. Parents of pupils receiving an award at the assembly have been contacted by text/email/phone-call.